

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2016**

The following Members were present:

Trustees Richard V. Silver, Chairman

Brian C. Daughney

Stephen S. Makrinos

John M. Delany

Commissioner Kenneth O. Jackson

Robert J. Mangan, P.E., Director of Public Works

1. Minutes of October 20, 2016 - Approved
2. FORMAL AGENDA

A. DEFERRED AGENDA

1. Letter from Jonathan Kashimer of 6 Fenimore Avenue dated September 13, 2016

As per the letter from Jonathan Kashimer of 6 Fenimore Avenue, he spoke to Dr. Daniel Camillery at 37 Hathaway Drive. Dr. Camillery, his wife Donna, and their two children live at the northern tip of Hathaway on the eastern side of the roadway. They request that some signs in the area be removed or moved. Please accept this as their formal request to have these signs removed and/or moved. Unfortunately, the two hour parking signs in front and to the rear of Dr. Camillery's house have had unintended consequences to Dr. Camillery. In addition to the signs being unsightly, tickets have been issued for visitors that have exceeded the two hour parking rule. Dr. Camillery had an embarrassing situation where his elderly parents received a ticket while visiting the family because they stayed for more than two hours. Prohibiting family from visiting for more than two hours was not the purpose of these signs.

Mr. Jonathan Kashimer who wrote this letter spoke to Maureen Traxler, President of the Western Property Owners' Association and e-mailed it to her. As per Mr. Kashimer, please place this issue on the Agenda for this meeting.

Recommendation: As per Jonathan M. Kashimer, this request was approved at their Western Property Owners' Association Meeting.

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to defer this item at the October 20, 2016, Meeting until the Western Property Owners' Association approves.

Decision: The Western Property Owners' Association did not support this request as per Maureen Traxler. Commissioner Jackson supports the retainage of the signs. The Traffic Commission voted to reject this request at the December 15, 2016, Meeting. Letter to Mr. Kashimer and Dr. Camillery advising of Traffic Commission decision.

2. Letter and Petition from Aisling Bier of 21 Saint Paul's Place

She and her neighbors are writing to you as concerned neighbors and parents in the area around the St. Paul's Place and Hampton Road intersection. They feel this intersection is dangerous, and that two additional stop signs should be added to make it an all-way stop. This intersection serves as two bus stops for Stratford and Hemlock Schools, and it's a common route to/from the High School and Old Country Road. Currently, there are two stop signs on Hampton Road stopping only the traffic travelling north-south between Merillon and Stratford Avenues. There are no stop signs on St. Paul's Place for traffic running east-west between Oxford Boulevard and St. Paul's Circle.

A response letter was sent to this resident and her letter was sent to the Estates Property Owners' Association for approval.

Additional information received:

Speed Surveys from Garden City Police Department

Pat DiMattia advised on October 12, 2016, "**The CPOA recommends the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Hampton Road and St. Paul's Place.**"

Recommendation: The Estates Property Owners' Association approved a four-way stop sign at Hampton Road and St. Paul's Place at their meeting of October 12, 2016.

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to increase enforcement and resurvey; Deferred at the October 20, 2016, Meeting.

Information Provided by Commissioner Jackson:

Speed and Accident Surveys: St. Paul's Place @ Hampton Road dated December 1, 2016

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the December 15, 2016, Meeting, voted to defer this item until the next Meeting.

3. STOP Signs on Wetherill Road at Mulberry Avenue Creating a 4-Way Stop

Requests submitted by Sean O'Brien, 9 Maple Street, Ken Hillman, 6 Maple Street and Domenico DeRosa, 72 Mulberry Avenue.

Accident data provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Recommendation: As per Joe Moody, the Eastern Property Owners' Association consensus: "**Add Stop signs creating 4-Way Stop**".

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to study traffic counts and speed. The Traffic Commission deferred this item at the October 20, 2016, Meeting.

Information Provided by Commissioner Jackson:

Speed and Accident Surveys: Wetherill Road at Mulberry Avenue dated December 1, 2016

Decision: Commissioner Jackson indicated that the MUTCD (Manual of Uniformed Traffic Control Devices) requirements have been met. The Eastern Property Owners' Association was in favor. The Traffic Commission, at the December 15, 2016, Meeting, voted to approve the 4-Way Stop Sign at this location.

4. No U-TURN Sign at the Intersection of East Drive and Flower Road
Request submitted by Frank Diamond, 18 East Drive.

Recommendation: As per Joe Moody, the Eastern Property Owners' Association consensus: **"Add No U-turn sign at East Drive. Ask about possible No Right turn – Except Local Traffic Sign on Clinton at Flower"**.

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted at the October 20, 2016, Meeting to defer this item and look to reposition existing signs.

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to reject this request at the December 15, 2016, Meeting. Note, the Eastern Property Owners' Association was not in favor of the Traffic Commission's decision. Letter to Mr. Diamond advising of Traffic Commission decision.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Crosswalk in Front of Garden City Library

November 18, 2016 letter to Trustee Richard V. Silver from J. Randolph Colahan, Chairman, Board of Library Trustees, advising of a resolution passed at October 17, 2016, Library Board Meeting to petition a request to the Village Traffic Commission and Village Board of Trustees to create a crosswalk directly in front of the Library's entrance and going across Seventh Street. Letter included a Three-Week Crosswalk Study. Gerry Kelly, Chairman of the Mobility Impaired Committee to speak in favor of this at the December 15, 2016, Traffic Commission Meeting.

Recommendation: A November 18, 2016, e-mail from Trustee Silver to "add this item to the next Traffic Commission Meeting".

Decision: Commissioner Jackson reported on a 2008 Study; 2016 – Still Opposed. The Department of Public Works concurred. The Police Department will monitor this issue. At the December 15, 2016, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted not in favor of this request.

C. NASSAU COUNTY ISSUES – DEFERRED

1. New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue – No Right Turn on Red

E-mail from Angela LoRusso regarding the traffic danger at the corner of New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue.

Recommendation: Defer to Western Property Owners' Association with recommendation of No Right Turn on Red East/West on Stewart Avenue.

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the April 21, 2016, Meeting, voted to defer this item until word from Nassau County Department of Public Works is received that the timing has been adjusted.

Follow up November 9, 2016, e-mail to Aryeh Lemberger and Sheila Dukacz, Nassau County Department of Public Works, requesting an update on Traffic Commission request. November 10, 2016, response from Mr. Lemberger advises "these have not yet been approved, but will be investigated as soon as workload permits".

2. Letter from Deborah Long of 26 Cathedral Avenue

Deborah Long of 26 Cathedral Avenue has resided at the corner of Third Street and Cathedral Avenue for 60 years. She wants to bring some attention to the number of accidents that occur on that corner on a regular basis. She asks for the Village to check the Police Records for that intersection because it seems there are more frequent and serious accidents. She is hoping there is some remedy before more accidents occur as they are regretting not implementing either a sign, light or speed bump.

This letter was sent to the Central Property Owners' Association for their approval.

Additional information received:

Speed Surveys from Garden City Police Department

Pat DiMattia advised on October 12, 2016, **"The CPOA fully supports the recommendation from the Garden City Police Department to request that Nassau County DPW consider installing a traffic signal light at the intersection of Cathedral Avenue and Third Street."**

Decision: The Traffic Commission approved request to ask Nassau County to install a Traffic Signal either at Third or Fourth Street and Cathedral Avenue. At the October 20, 2016, Meeting, Trustee Silver requested that this item be carried on the Deferred Agenda until Nassau County comments.

Decision: No Action taken at the December 15, 2016, Meeting. E-mail to Aryeh Lemberger, Nassau County Department of Public Works, requesting a determination.

3. Traffic Light at Intersection of Eleventh Street at Golf Club Lane

Consideration of a Traffic Control Signal at the intersection of Eleventh Street and Golf Club Lane.

Research information provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Recommendation: As per Commissioner Jackson, **"there is sufficient information to support a request to Nassau County to conduct an engineering study as noted in MUTCD Section 4C to determine whether the need for a traffic control signal is justified"**.

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the December 15, 2016, Meeting, voted to request Nassau County to study the installation of a traffic light. E-mail to Aryeh Lemberger, Nassau County Department of Public Works, requesting a determination.

The following were in attendance:

Pat DiMattia – Central Property Owners’ Association

Mark Hyer – Eastern Property Owners’ Association

Doug Singer – Estates Property Owners’ Association

J. Randolph Colahan, Chair – Board of Library Trustees

The next Traffic Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017. Please note, this is the first Meeting in February.



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